



Minnesota Landscape  
**ARBORETUM**

## 2015 Schoolyard Gardens

### POSTER PRESENTATIONS

#### **RCS TEACHING GIVING GARDEN**

*Joni Fletty • Retail Construction Services, Inc.*

This Giving Garden involves school children from the St. Croix Valley schools who learn about gardening and make a connection to our world by learning where their food comes from, its impact on fossil fuels, the collapse of the honey bee, water conservation, food storage, harvesting seeds, composting, and so many other lessons. Above all, they experience first-hand the spirit of giving and volunteering. We partner with the Washington County Master Gardener volunteers, and since 2009, almost 15,000 lbs of produce has been grown and donated to our local food shelf, Valley Outreach. Local high school students who previously volunteered in the RCS Giving Garden have now begun a garden of their own.

#### **GROWING MICROGREENS IN THE CLASSROOM**

*Dr. Mary H. Meyer • University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum*

Growing microgreens in a classroom is an easy and fun way to teach basic plant science, plant families, and nutrition. In two to four weeks students can plant, grow, harvest, and eat peas and sunflowers. This poster will show how microgreens have been used in several Twin City schools taught by University of Minnesota students.

#### **JOURNEY GARDEN PROGRAM**

*Maria DeFoe • Fond du Lac Ojibwe School*

Journey Garden Summer Program at the Fond du Lac Ojibwe School – a summer program that teaches students about gardening, community, science, math, cooking and Ojibwe culture.

#### **A GARDEN 4 EVERY SCHOOL**

*Dar Fosse • Jeffers Foundation*

Our poster is designed to create and interest for schools in starting a school garden. Stop by to learn how to apply for one of 20 school garden grants available to participants.

#### **GREEN RIBBON SCHOOLS AWARD**

*John Olson • Minnesota Department of Education*

The U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools Award goes to schools who demonstrate accomplishments in reducing energy consumptions, promoting health and nutrition and providing quality environment education. The poster will highlight the award program and will feature past awardees that included school gardens in their applications.

#### **NORTHOME SCHOOL'S GARDEN PROGRAM**

*Daniel Sherman • Northome School*

Centered around a map of the project, this poster will encourage school visitors to go outside and see our garden progress. It will include our sponsors' names, volunteer names, goals, and budget.

## **UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA-MONARCH LAB**

*Sarah Weaver*

Garden information, professional development opportunities for teachers, and information on how to connect with our education resources (curricula and grant \$).

## **GARDEN POTPOURRI**

*Kelli Ellickson • Cedar Park STEM School*

Cedar Park Elementary STEM School shares examples of how our gardens have provided hands-on opportunities for students to meet academic standards. Our poster will highlight how kindergarten through 5th grade students have benefited from their work in the gardens.

## **ANTHONY MIDDLE SCHOOL PIZZA GARDEN**

*Diana Straate*

2014 was “year one” of Anthony Middle School’s Pizza Garden. It was a learning experience, a huge success and an amazing collaboration of teachers, staff, students, parents, and community partner/sponsor Pizzeria Lola. We plan to highlight its conception, planning, preparation, execution and harvest. Looking forward to year two!!

## **A BACKYARD FARM**

*Coleen Gregor / Joan James*

## **INFORMATION TABLES**

### **CHAMPLIN-BROOKLYN PARK ACADEMY**

*Denise Schnabel*

Standards-based, thematic, grade-level gardens and supports for staff, students and families to make it happen

### **HEALTH PARTNERS (Conference Sponsor)**

*Thia Bryan*

### **MINNESOTA AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM**

*Al Withers*

### **MINNESOTA LANDSCAPE ARBORETUM EDUCATION**

*Jill Leenay*

Field Trip Guides and Arboretum resources for teachers